Demolition of Educational Institute at Kalyan

†673. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 722 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) the verdicts made by various courts so far at different levels in respect of the litigation filed in the court against demolishing the building of an educational institute at Kalyan, Maharashtra, in 1998;

(b) the current status thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for the speedy disposal thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Civil Court, Kalyan in its order dated 30.04.2002, directed the Railway not to interfere with the disputed property, and to pay damages of Rs. 4,80,000 to the plaintiff. On an appeal filed by the Railway, the Principal Judge, Kalyan by order dated 05.10.2002 stayed the lower court's order dated 30.04.2002, and directed the parties to maintain status quo.

(b) Railway has given all the information desired by court, timely, to avoid any delay on Railway's account.

Investigation into derailment of Magadh Express

674. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of the investigation in the recent derailment of Magadh Express in Bihar;

(b) whether it was indeed a case of sabotage by anti social elements as reported in the media;

(c) if so, whether anyone has claimed the responsibility behind the derailment; and

(d) what action Goverment have taken to punish the guilty?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) As per Commissioner of Railway Safety/Eastern Circle's Preliminary Report, the derailment of 2391 UP Magadh Vikramshila Express between Varuna and Buxar Stations of Danapur Division under East Central Railway, on 1.6.2003, occurred *prima facie,* due to 'cutting of cess side running rail and shifting the cut piece from it position towards other rail'. He has classified this accident under the category "Sabotage".

(c) and (d) In sabotage, FIR is lodged under the respective Police Station.

Investigation of train tragedy in Punjab

675. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the finding of the investigations in the recent train tragedy in Punjab;

(b) whether the main reasons for fatalities was because of smoke inhalation or burns or any other cause;

(c) what was the cause of fire on the train;

(d) whether RPF has been instructed to conduct random check on passengers baggage at all major stations for inflammable materials before boarding train;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Commissioner of Railway Safety/North Eastern Circle, who is conducting statutory investigation into this accident, has mentioned in his preliminary inquiry report that cause of the fire can be ascertained only after the receipt of the report of State Forensic Science Laboratory, Chandigarh.

(d) to (f) After this accident, a special drive deploying Commercial,